

## Section B and D Subcommittee ARP Recommendations

Overall guidance: in all cases, the members encourage prioritization of capital improvements due to the OTO nature of ARP funding. In the cases of counties, municipalities, and schools if an entity's COVID-19 regulations are more restrictive than the COVID-19 regulations for Montana the entity is not eligible for the recommended appropriations.

### Section 1. Non-Treasury Funds

#### **SNAP (\$11.0 million)**

- Appropriate the entire allocation for the additional 15% increase in SNAP benefits
- Allocation for SNAP administration (\$2.2 million) TBD

#### **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (\$0.2 million)**

- Appropriate the entire allocation as grants

#### **Child Care (Block Grant & Stabilization Grants) (\$111.0 million)**

- Appropriate \$10 million for stabilization grants (available through 9/30/2021)
- Appropriation for Child Care and Development Block Grant amount TBD

Rep. Garner – Additional childcare support for essential workers

#### **WIC (\$1.1 million)**

- Appropriate the entire amount available for 4 months from enactment

#### **Supporting Older Americans and their Families (\$1.0 million)**

- Distribute entire allocation as grants to senior centers across Montana

#### **Family Violence Prevention (\$0.9 million)**

- Appropriate ½ of the allocation to the Department of Justice and the other ½ to DPHHS

Rep. Garner – is DOJ use allowable?

#### **Child Abuse Prevention (\$0.4 million)**

- Appropriate ½ of the allocation to the Department of Justice and the other ½ to DPHHS

Rep. Garner – is DOJ use allowable?

#### **Testing and Contact Tracing (\$143.4 million)**

- Appropriate \$12.3 million for the MAES Research Lab
- Appropriate \$36.1 million for the Montana Veterinarian Diagnostic Research Lab
- Appropriate funds to providers to reimburse COVID-19 testing in exchange for hospitals declining to bill patients with private-pay insurance for COVID-19 testing procedures

Sen. McNally – St John's United proposal may fit here

**Increase Public Health Workforce and Investments (\$23.0 million)**

- Appropriate \$8.0 million for scholarships for those students pursuing public health support career paths
- Appropriate \$15.0 million for wages and benefits to non-government providers of social support services who have been impacted by COVID 19

Rep. Moore – Support for mental health workforce

Rep. Kerr-Carpenter – \$5.0 million one-time-only for Health Information Exchange either here or in Vaccines and Ancillary Treatments below

Rep. Garner – PPE here or elsewhere, maybe in Testing and Contact Tracing above

Sen. McNally – Support of \$160,000 for the family residency program in Billings

**Vaccines and Ancillary Treatments (\$22.5 million)**

- Appropriate entire allocation, but limited to capital expenditures, including IT projects
- As possible, appropriate to support MMIS/MPATH expenditures
- Provide grants to counties as appropriate for relevant capital expenditures

**Medicaid (Allocation Unknown)**

- Limit expanded pregnant/postpartum coverage to 1 year (as opposed to the optional 5 years)
- Other Medicaid components TBD

Rep. Kerr-Carpenter – Support full 5 years for expanded coverage

**LIHEAP/Water Assistance (\$21.0 million)**

- As possible, upgrade IT systems, including eligibility systems related to LIHEAP
- Remaining appropriation TBD

Sen. McNally – support appropriation for water assistance

**Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (\$17.0 million)**

- As possible, utilize funding to support provisions in the proposed HEART Act
- Appropriate to the Department of Corrections for mental health services

Rep. Garner – Support funding Utah model for youth suicide prevention

Rep. Caferro – Support \$1.0 million for suicide prevention

Rep. Nave – Appropriation for DOC data collection/tracking program

Sen. McNally – Funding for case management services for mental health services for children; pair with prevention services, including Family First

Rep. Kerr-Carpenter – Funding for pre-trial diversion pilot programs

**CHIP (Allocation Unknown)**

- Limit expanded pregnant/postpartum coverage to 1 year (as opposed to the optional 5 years)

Rep. Kerr-Carpenter – Support full 5 years for expanded coverage

**Family Planning (Allocation Unknown)**

- TBD

**State Veterans' Homes (\$1.7 million)**

-Appropriate full amounts of each allocation to each of the state homes proportionally by bed capacity

**Home Visiting Programs (Allocation Unknown)**

-TBD

**Emergency Assistance to Children and Families (\$2.8 million)**

-To be made available to children under foster care, guardianship, or adoption arrangements adversely impacted by COVID 19 on an OTO basis at maximum of \$250 per child

Rep. Nave – Encourage adoption outcomes as possible

**Elder Justice and Support (Allocation Unknown)**

-Appropriate ½ of the allocation to the Department of Justice and the other ½ to DPHHS

**Head Start (\$3.5 million)**

-TBD

**Workforce Recovery Program (\$20.0 million)**

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$20.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

**Business Assistance Grants (\$50.0 million)**

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$50.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

Rep. Regier – No additional FTE

**Emergency Rental Assistance (\$152.4 million)**

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$152.4 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

**Homeless Assistance (\$11.6 million)**

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$11.6 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

Sen. McNally – Fund targeted case management for homeless individuals

Rep. Regier – Prioritize grants for capital improvements

**Homeowner Assistance (\$50.0 million)**

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$50.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD.

Rep. Regier – not approve principal reduction, refinancing expenditures for homeowner assistance

### **State Small Business Credit Initiative (\$65.0 million)**

-Appropriate entire allocation of \$65.0 million. Appropriation amounts by FY over the duration of the program TBD. Appropriate 2.00 FTE for administration. 1.00 FTE removed in FY 2025, the remaining 1.00 FTE removed in FY 2030 or once all appropriations are expended.

Sen. Keenan - Montana Medical Assn. Health Information Exchange proposal under this section

## Section 2. Treasury Funds

### **State Fiscal Relief Fund (\$910.1 million)**

-Rep. Nave Ideas:

- Transfers to state rainy day fund (BSRF) and fire funds
- Public safety granting program for public, non-profit, and private entities with a limit of up to \$300,000 per award
- Update state GIS data/systems for upgraded 911 system
- Water and sewer capital projects as per DNRC/DEQ Conservation District lists
- SW Montana Veterans' Home covered walkway project
- Small business grants, with priority for child care providers and broadband installation providers
- Public services announcements encouraging a "shop local" message

-Sen. Keenan:

-St. John's United: Grants for nursing homes and assisted living facilities for ventilation, private room conversions, broadband & telehealth, regional infusion partnerships, Center for Infectious Disease Management for Older Adults

-Sen. McNally (also in regard to recommendations from St. John's United): testing and tracing, including for homebound persons

-Easterseals/Goodwill – 7.0 FTE in Disability Employment & Transitions Division; Developmental Services Division, Senior and Long-Term Care Division, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division provider rate increase (OTO) of 2% in 2022 and 2% in 2023 along with a COLA pegged to CPI.

-Behavioral Health Alliance – workforce development, workplace modernization, language on least-restrictive settings

-Department of Justice suggestions as per Kris Hansen letter

Rep. Garner – how many of the DOJ suggestions are allowable under ARPA?

Sen. McNally – Centers for Independent Living – direct care worker wage support, transitional housing, bridge housing

Rep. Kerr-Carpenter – Department of Corrections: \$20 million for community corrections (may be able to fund some from non-Treasury sources)

-OBPP Ideas as detailed in "Other Ideas – ARPA List"

Rep. Garner - \$40 day as suggested by OBPP for nursing home supplemental payments

-Department of Labor and Industry Ideas

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-TBD

**Capital Projects (\$119.3 million)**

-TBD